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SUBJECT: ALLEGATIONS OF U.S. INVOLVEMENT IN ANTI-MOBUTU COUP

REF A) KIGALI 431; B) STATE 164792

ALTHOUGH ZAIRE EMBASSY HERE DOES NOT RPT NOT SEEM, AS IN KIGALI (REF A), TO HAVE ISSUED (AT LEAST THUS FAR) ITS OWN BULLETINS ALLEGING U.S. COMPLICITY IN ANTI-MOBUTU COUP ATTEMPT IN JUNE, LATEST ISSUE OF "UBUMWE", WEEKLY PAPER OF UPRONA PARTY, DEVOTES WHOLE PAGE TO THE PLOT, WITH REPEATED ACCUSATIONS AGAINST U.S. GIVEN ARTICLE'S EFFUSIVE PRAISE OF MOBUTU'S POLICIES, GIVEN ITS ALLEGATIONS OF TOTAL MASS SUPPORT FOR HIM, AND GIVEN LACK OF "UBUMWE" CAPACITY FOR TYPE OF RESEARCH NECESSARY FOR ARTICLE, WE ASSUME THAT MAIN POINTS, OR PERHAPS ENTIRE TEXT, ORIGINATED FROM LOCAL ZAIRE EMBASSY.

ARTICLE ATTRIBUTES AMERICAN PROMOTION OF PLOT (VIA BRIBES TO GENERALS AND THEIR RECRUITMENT OF ZAIRIANS TRAINED IN ISRAEL) TO U.S. UNHAPPINESS WITH MOBUTU POLICIES OF ZAIRIANIZATION. IT ASCRIBES COMPLICITY OF ZAIRIAN OFFICERS TO THEIR DISSATISFACTION WITH LOSS OF PERQUISITES AND PRIVILEGES. PLAN TO ELIMINATE MOBUTU PHYSICALLY WAS DECIDED UPON BECAUSE PLOTTERS KNEW THEY

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COULD NEVER GENERATE POPULAR UPRISING AGAIN T MOBUTU.

ARTICLE CLAIMS EVERYTHING BEGAN WITH ARRIVAL OF AMBASSADOR HINTON, WHO WAS WELL KNOWN FOR ROLES HE HAD PLAYED IN OVERTHROWING REGIMES IN COUNTRIES WHERE HE HAD BEEN POSTED. SUBSEQUENT INVESTIGATION HAS ESTABLISHED HINTON'S ACTIVE PARTICIPATION, BUT IT IS NOT POSSIBLE FOR U.S. TO SEEK PROOF FROM THE ZAIRE GOVERNMENT OF CIA INVOLVEMENT, SINCE CIA HAND IN OVERTHROWING LAWFUL GOVERNMENTS IS WELL KNOWN. ARTICLE WONDERS WHETHER U.S., AFTER HAVING BEEN CHASED OUT OF INDOCHINA, AND SOON TO BE OUSTED FROM KOREA, WANTS TO INSTALL PUPPET REGIMES IN AFRICA.

AT APPROPRIATE INFORMAL OCCASION, I WILL AGAIN RAISE PROBLEM OF TOTAL ONE-SIDEDNESS OF "UBUMWE" ARTICLES ON FOREIGN AFFAIRS (SUCH AS THIS ONE) WITH SENIOR OFFICIALS HERE. HOWEVER, REF B DOES NOT OFFER MUCH SCOPE FOR REFUTATION OR EVEN FOR PUTTING ZAIRE PLOT STORY INTO USABLE PERSPECTIVE, WHICH CAN HELP TO ALLAY GROUNDLESS SUSPICIONS ABOUT ATTITUDES OF AMERICAN GOVERNMENT TO ESTABLISHED AFRICAN REGIMES.
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